



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Subject of possible rule making: Bald eagle rule protection.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.12.650 and RCW 77.12.655

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The rule change is needed to establish consistency between federal and state laws concerning bald-eagle habitat protection. Bald eagles have been state and federally delisted as a threatened species thereby lessening the need for property and development restrictions. Through this rule change, management provisions restricting landowners are reduced, unless the species becomes relisted as a state threatened or endangered species.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
The Federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act is administered through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS). This act has habitat protection measures that are required under federal law. WDFW has had ongoing coordination meetings with USFWS to facilitate the application of this rule change.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☒ Agency study
☐ Other (describe)

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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